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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

VITO SANCHEZ,

Case No. 2:21-cv-00732-JAD-NJK

**Plaintiff** 

ORDER

v.

F. DREESEN, et al.,

**Defendants** 

## I. DISCUSSION

On May 3, 2021, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections ("NDOC"), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Docket No. 1-1. Plaintiff has neither paid the full \$402 filing fee for this matter nor filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed <u>Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis</u> for <u>Inmate</u>, this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a <u>Financial Certificate</u> properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the <u>inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous</u> <u>six-month period</u>.

The Court will grant Plaintiff a <u>one-time</u> opportunity to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing <u>all three</u> of the required documents, or in the alternative, pay the full \$402 filing fee for this action on or before **July 6, 2021**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will <u>not</u> grant any further extensions of time.

If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents or pay the full \$402 filing fee on or before **July 6, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal <u>without prejudice</u> for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is either able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

A dismissal <u>without prejudice</u> means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$402 on or before **July 6, 2021** to proceed with this case.

The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint, Docket No. 1-1, but the Court will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

## II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **July 6, 2021**, Plaintiff will either pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

- (1) a completed <u>Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate</u> on this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a <u>Financial Certificate</u> properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the <u>inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous</u> six-month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action on or before **July 6, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal <u>without prejudice</u> for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint, Docket No. 1-1, but will not file it at this time.

DATED: May 6, 2021.

NANCY J. KOPPE

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE